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and There

If you would succeed learn to know
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The Kaiser owns eight automobiles, all
big touring cars.

The way of the transgressor often is
hard on other persons.

If your subscription is due U-C-U-O-S.
Why don't you pay it?

Italian laborers are superior to negroes
in the raising of cotton.

The grape culture in France gives em-
ployment to over two million people.

Happiness is like a woman. Pretend
not to see her and she will pursue you.

The total authorized strength of the
militias of the States is 178,787 men.

A distinguished scientist estimates the
age of the world at 500,000,000 years.

Don't growl at the newspaper if it don't
contain all the news, if you never give
any.

Death and taxes are no more certain
than the collector for the installment
house.

A locomotive consumes on an average
of forty five gallons of water for every
mile it runs.

The small steel screws used in watch-
making are worth six times their weight
in gold.

There are 272 cities and towns in the
United States having a population of 5,000
or more.

"Man will eat two hundred or three
hundred more foods in the year of 2000
than he eats now," said a chemist.

Of the \$5,000,000,000 of gold in the
world, the United States possesses \$1,300,
000,000, or nearly one-fourth.

America makes more barrels than any
other country. The annual production is
200,000,000 barrels and circular pack-
ages.

Now that the war is over, we may ad-
mit that it has taught many of us a good
deal of geography—American as well as
Asiatic.

There are forty-eight words in the En-
glish language which have two distinct pro-
nunciations. "Bow," "tear," "invalid"
are the best examples.

"During the five years, 1900-1904, in-
clusive, the Modern Woodmen of America
has made net gains of 252,302 beneficial
members and \$388,518,500 insurance in
force—net, mind you, that's climbing
some! The business of the society for the
first six months of 1905 has surpassed its
business for any like period since 1901."

Winnipeg, Manitoba, is said to be the
fastest growing city in the world. It is
thirty years old, has a population of 80,000
and has seventeen banks.

Legionnaires are the best layers among
chickens. Each hen lays from 150 to 200
eggs yearly. Hamburgs lay about 170;
and other breeds from 130 to 150.

It is far easier to tear down than to
build up. One lusty professional "kicker"
can do more harm to a community than
half a dozen good citizens can rectify.

At a cost of 25 cents Japanese doctors
can dress the wounds of 500 men. They
use a finely powdered charcoal obtained
by the slow combustion of straw in closed
furnaces.

In setting out fruit trees a woman must
hold the tree while a man sets it and
tramps the dirt about the roots. This
makes it a sure bearer according to many
Pennsylvania Dutch communities.

"Good Old Dr. Dowie," says Zion City,
will have a surplus of \$150,000,000 in a
few years, which may be just another
way of announcing his intention of start-
ing a Zion City Insurance company.

Newspapers were first invented by a
physician, who, finding his visits wel-
come whenever he brought any news or
gossip, applied to Cardinal Richelieu for a
patent to publish the *Paris Gazette*, in
1622.

The town of Orotava, in Tenerife, has
probably the finest climate of any town
on earth. The coldest month, February,
has an average temperature of 62 de-
grees, and the warmest, July, of 77 de-
grees.

Every enterprise that benefits the town
benefits every man in it. If your neigh-
bor starts a new scheme to help along,
don't jump on it with both feet just be-
cause you did not happen to think of it
first. Aid him to boost it. It will help
you, too.

"I live in a town which is the greatest
seat of the plug tobacco industry in the
world, the town of Winston Salem, N.
C.," said the Hon. J. C. Buxton of the
Old North State. "Last year, as the re-
cords will show, there was a production of
32,000,000 pounds of plug tobacco in the
factories of Winston Salem. Doesn't look
as if that much plug could be chewed up
in a decade, eh? But somebody must get
away with it, for the output is constantly
increasing.

Iowa papers are insisting that more
girls who live in the country towns, are
ruined than those who live in cities and
give the cause as being that in the city
young girls are not allowed to go out with-
out a chaperone, while in the country
towns they are allowed to roam at will,
any hour of the day or night. Mothers,
do you know where your girls are? It is
well enough to wonder where is my wan-
dering boy-to-night? but it is safe to guess
that he can be found more easily than
your wayward girls.

Did you ever stop to think that when a
business man looks for a clerk that he
does not hunt for the youth who talks
"fassy," uses slang, smokes cigarettes or
taps beer kegs? They look for the boy
who is neat in appearance, gentlemanly
in his actions, clean in his talk and con-
tentious to those whom he meets. Although
you may think that no one watches you
or knows your character, it is safe to say
that there is not a business man in town
but who knows the character of every
boy in it. If you wish to become a use-
ful man it is you and you alone that must
accomplish it.

WASHINGTON LETTER

The Republic of Panama is seeking a
union with the Republic of Costa Rica,
according to advices received at the State
Department from Consul General Lee.

For the purpose of initiating negotiations
and possibly with a view to negotiating a
treaty of annexation. From other
sources it is learned the people of Panama
have wearied of single blessedness, that
their dream of empire has failed to
materialize and that they are generally
anxious to annex themselves to Costa
Rica, the most prosperous and stable
of the Central American republics.

On the evening following the receipt of
Consul General Lee's communication
there occurred at Oyster Bay a conference
participated in by the Secretary of State,
Senator Lodge and ex-Ambassador Choate
and it is assumed at the State Depart-
ment that the President called these men
to him to discuss the news from Panama
with a view to determining upon the
course of the United States with regard
to the proposed annexation. The treaty
between this country and Panama is so
comprehensive as to leave no loophole
by which the interests of the United
States can be jeopardized by any political
events or changes in Panama but it is be-
lieved not unlikely that the United States
would regard with entire complacency
the annexation of Panama to Costa Rica,
with which country the relations of the
United States have always been most
cordial. In more than thirteen years the
United States has not had occasion to
complain of injustice to any American
citizen or interest in Costa Rica, despite
the fact that a large number of conces-
sions in that country are owned and
operated by Americans. It is the boast
of Costa Rica that she has enjoyed a
longer period without a revolution than
any independent nation in the western
hemisphere, her last revolution having
antedated our own civil war.

Recent developments in the investiga-
tion of insurance companies by a commit-
tee of the New York legislature, among
them the discovery of the fact that one
insurance company contributed \$50,000
to the Republican campaign fund, have
served to recall the words of the Presi-
dent in his message sent to Congress last
December. The President said in that
communication, "I recommend the en-
actment of a law directed against bribery
and corruption in Federal elections. The
details of such a law may be safely left to
the wise discretion of the Congress, but
it should go as far as under the Constitu-
tion it is possible to go, and should in-
clude severe penalties against him who
gives or receives a bribe intended to in-
fluence his act or opinion as an elector;
and provisions for the publication not
only of the expenditures for nominations
and elections of all candidates but also of
all contributions received and expendi-
tures made by political committees. There
was a general disposition in Con-
gress to laugh at the President's recom-
mendation but in the light of recent
events and with an awakened public
sentiment on the subject of campaign
contributions and expenditures it is re-
garded as entirely probable that the
President will reiterate this recommenda-
tion in his next message to Congress and
that the members of Congress may deem
it unwise to treat the President's views
with the levity which characterized their
attitude last winter."

It is one of the remarkable features of
the settlement of government lands that
even the general processes of fraudu-
lent entrymen, in which the Government
has recently engaged has not served to
deter men from attempting to perpetrate
similar frauds and even now the General
Land Office is almost daily discovering
evidence of dishonesty and instituting
new prosecutions. Men who seek to ac-
quire title to public lands appear to have
no compunction about committing per-
jury and no appreciation of the heavy
penalties which are likely to be inflicted
upon them when detected. The records
of the Land Office if taken as a criterion
would almost warrant the belief that
Americans were totally lacking in con-
science as far as such a conclusion would
be from the truth. Secretary Hitchcock
hopes by a campaign of severe education
through the courts to impress upon
American citizens who contemplate ac-
quiring title to public lands the enormity
of perjury themselves and the impor-
tance of complying with the law and
perfecting their titles without chicanery
or fraud. Only last week a man seventy
years old, who had always enjoyed a re-
putation of honesty in his home, in Ohio,
was sentenced to a year in the South
Dakota penitentiary for subordination
of perjury because of his attempt to "get
rich quick" by defrauding the Govern-
ment went out of a considerable area of
public land.

OUR WOMAN'S COLUMN

The latest skirt model shows a draped
effect in front.

A greater number of fancy shoes are be-
ing worn than ever before.

Molairs have taken a vigorous new
lease of life for shirt-waist suits.

Woman holds her own when she can-
not afford to keep a nursemaid.

Elbow sleeves are coming in for every-
thing but the more workaday styles of
dresses.

The newest silk stockings have their
owner's monogram embroidered just
above the knee.

Celery is an acknowledged nerve tonic
and is more and more used in medical
prescriptions.

No chemist will ever discover the secret
of beauty, yet every woman may find it in
her own heart.

Rev. W. A. Quayle of Chicago advises
all those parents who are without children
to go out and borrow one.

It is perhaps just as well to teach little
girls fairy tales for then they won't sound
strange when their husbands tell them
later in life.

Editor Bok, of the *Ladies' Home Jour-
nal*, says that "women dress to please
men." There are others that assert that
they dress to anger other women.

To remove a wart dampen it and rub
with a piece of common salt. Do this
three or four times a day for a month and
the wart will drop off, leaving no mark on
the skin.

Four months ago a telephone girl in a
New York hotel at \$8 a week, Miss Anna
Bennett is now the widow of Millionaire
E. R. Whitney, and heiress to a fortune
of \$20,000,000.

Sadie Mac, owned by Miss Katherine
Wilkes of Canada, dropped dead in a race
recently. She was valued at \$30,000.
She had won nearly \$20,000 for her owner
so far this season.

If you will drink plenty of water be-
tween meals you will find that your
nerves will become quieted. Go to bed
early, get up late, be regular in your
habits and take a quick bath every morn-
ing with moistened salt, cool water and a
fresh brush.

Housemaids in livery are the latest in-
novation in "smart" London houses.
One fashionable woman has attired her
maids in neat skirts, tight-fitting bodices,
with natty, double-breasted waistcoats of
yellow and black, tiny brass buttons on
either side.

If you have a covered pan in which to
roast meat, never open it to taste the
meat. Keep covered from first to last.
The idea is that the pan is full of steam,
which penetrates the fiber of the meat.
If desired to brown the outside, leave
the cover off a short time in a quick
oven.

When mothers will teach their sons
that all men are brothers, and that the
only enemy they have is the man who
wants to rule and exploit them, then we
will have the women the world needs—
who will raise sons with a higher man-
hood than the world has ever known.

Do not be troubled because you have
not great virtues. God made a thousand
spears of grass where he made one tree.
The earth is fringed and carpeted not
with forests, but with grasses. Only
have enough of little virtues and common
fidelities, and you need not mourn be-
cause you are neither a hero nor a saint.

There is one little trick which the tired
woman should learn, be she society
woman or working girl. She should
learn to change her clothing. Nothing
rests one like this does. Take off the
shoes you have been wearing all day, and
put on other shoes. The pinch will come
in a different place.

In kitchens where cockroaches are
found, borax is invaluable. Powdered
borax should be sprinkled round the
stove and about all the corners and cran-
nies so infested. When the borax is
swept away, it should be replaced with
more at once; if this remedy is steadily
persisted in, the kitchen will be free of
the pest in a surprisingly short time.

The gospel of happiness is one that
every woman should lay to heart. What
it means to a man to come home at night
to a cheerful wife no one but he who has
had to fight the hard battle of life knows.
If he is prosperous it is an added joy; but
it is in misfortune that it shines like a
star in the darkness. A complaining
wife can kill the last bit of hope and cour-
age in a sorely troubled heart, while a
cheerful one gives new courage to begin
the fight over again.

A MATTER OF HEALTH



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PROGRESS

Senator Allee, as Chairman of the Union Republican State Committee, has called a meeting of that Committee for Monday next at Dover, while the purpose of this meeting is not announced, it is generally understood to be to consider the action taken last Saturday by the Republican State Committee, which authorized the Chairman, ex-Senator Ball, to name a committee of five to consult with a like committee of the Union Republicans. This is a decided advance towards harmony. We do not believe that the Union Republican committee can refuse this offer of a parley. The people all over the state who believe in Republican principles and who desire Republican success are demanding that some steps be taken looking to one State Convention, one state, county, and district ticket, one organization and one party. Some sore-heads and disgruntled office seekers may try to obscure the issue and talk about "bolters" or "Addicksites," but the Republican masses, the men who do the voting, and the workers who attend to the actual labor of the campaign are ready to let bygones be bygones, wipe off the slate and start fresh.

To do this properly, the first thing necessary is to elect a Senator to fill the vacancy which has existed since the expiration of the term of L. H. Ball on March 4th, last. Objection has been raised to this that it will cost \$10,000 or \$12,000. We do not believe it will cost anywhere near this amount nor the half of it. But, admitting that it should do so, it is a duty devolved upon the state to perform. As one of the constituent parts of the U. S., it is not only a right and privilege for Delaware to have two senators, but it is a solemn and important duty. A duty to itself a duty to the Republican party and a duty to the other States in the Union. In no other way can the parity and equality of the States be maintained. Delaware has too long had the finger of derision pointed at her and the vacant seat or seats, to permit a matter of cost stand in the way of performing this duty.

After the Senator has been chosen, it will be in order to proceed to an amalgamation. This is a process that we think will take time. We do not agree with some writers, who claim that the two State Committees can arrange terms under which, one state convention may be held. One serious, and we believe a fatal objection to this is that the apportionment of delegates, being made by a State Convention can only be changed by a succeeding State Convention. Therefore, we are of the opinion that it will be necessary to have two conventions, one by and of each party to arrange the terms for holding convention. If these two preliminary conventions should be called for the same day and place, we are positive that these terms could easily and quickly be arranged. If 160 Republicans and 185 Union Republicans assemble in the same town at the same time, no power can prevent their amalgamation to secure the result desired. Speed the day when this will be assured.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

The various schools and colleges throughout the country are in full swing now and a great many of their report a larger attendance with greater interest and enthusiasm among the students than ever before. Mr. W. H. Beacom, the proprietor of the Wilmington Business School, Wilmington, Delaware, seems particularly well pleased with the outlook. Mr. Beacom's school is very different from the ordinary so-called "Business Colleges." The staff, organization, and equipment are among the best in the country. Both Mr. and Mrs. Beacom are interested in educational work and both take an active part in the teaching of their students. They have done such excellent work that it is no wonder the school has grown and prospered so materially. They have the proud distinction of never having lost a student through dissatisfaction and the still prouder distinction of assisting their students in such a thorough and practical manner that not one W. B. S. graduate has failed. A number of our young people have been in attendance at this school in previous years, and still others are there now.

WHOLE FAMILY WIPED OUT

James Tribbitt, Wife and Children die Within a Month

Baffling the efforts of four expert physicians and a whole community of aroused and sympathetic people, the entire family of James Tribbitt, of Henderson, Md., has been wiped out. The deaths in their order, and the shocking evenness of intervals between the awful calamities to the family, follow: August 5th, Mrs. Irene Tribbitt, wife and mother of the family, 19 years old; August 15th, Miss Florence, daughter, 13 years old; September 5th, William, oldest son, 21 years old, married and leaves a wife and child; September 25th, James Tribbitt, husband and father, 48 years old, said to have died from a broken heart and exhaustion. The last death, that of the husband and father, which occurred Tuesday, was really the result of a broken heart, as the father had passed through such a siege of affliction and heartrendings that even his strong constitution could not sustain him. Three little children remain at the ghastly home—all ill with the same disease. A grown son, Robert, has been sent to the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, in the hope of special treatment there might hasten his recovery. A cousin, Victor Tribbitt, of near Clayton, who came and sacrificed himself to nurse his relatives and at whose suggestion Dr. J. S. Cobb of Clayton, who has been successful in typhoid cases was called, became ill and was also sent to the Wilmington hospital.

When the deadly malady first attacked the Tribbitt family it was looked upon as malaria and the farmer who was poor but thrifty, did not call in a physician until it was too late. As the condition of the other members of the family grew worse, other physicians were called in to consult with Dr. Silver, the local physician in attendance. Dr. J. S. Cobb, of Clayton, was sent for as well as Dr. Graham of Ingleside. These physicians finding their remedies unavailing, summoned Dr. J. T. George of Denton, the Maryland State Board of Health's expert physician on contagious diseases. Dr. George declared that the drinking water must be cut off and he obtained a specimen of it and sent it to the John Hopkins University at Baltimore.

"The water is full of poison and not fit for stock to drink," was the word sent back by the analytical chemists. At Henderson a gloomy account of the ghastly visitation of the grim monster was given, and every body seemed terribly depressed over the events of the past two months. At first there were rumors that an enemy had poisoned the family's drinking water, but the analysis afterward made is said not to have borne this out. —Dover News.

FREE TRAINING OF NURSES

By the terms of a fund to be administered in connection with the Philadelphia School for Nurses, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, a number of young women from every county will receive free training in Nursing. It is planned to ultimately reach and help in this way every village and township. The young women will be provided with room, board, nurse uniforms and all the refinements of a well-appointed Christian home. At graduation the diploma of the School and the Order of the Red Cross will be conferred, qualifying for practice in any State or country; the railroad fare will then be paid back home.

Those applying and chosen to receive the benefits of this fund will be given two years training, with a rich experience in nursing the sick poor of the city under skilled leaders. The term may be shortened to eighteen months by taking a preliminary course of six months' reading and study at home. A special short course enables young women to quickly qualify themselves for self support and a substantial income.

In addition to regular nursing, the young women are taught how to preserve their own health; how to recognize, avoid and destroy contagion; how to establish and maintain perfect sanitary conditions about the home; they are prepared for positions as office nurse and physician's assistant; they get a practical knowledge of City Mission movements, Deaconess training, College settlement work, and are trained for special positions of trust in institutions.

The School is ten years old and is endorsed by physicians, leading educators and prominent men throughout the country.

Address all communication to the general office, 1319 Walnut St. Philadelphia, Pa.

STATE NAMES FOR HOTEL ROOMS

"In a little town in the backwoods of Mississippi," remarked a traveling man "there is a peculiar hotel. It is just like any other hotel, except in the way the rooms are named. They are not numbered as is generally done, but each room is named for a State of the United States. When I stopped at the place I was assigned to a room called 'Delaware.' It was correctly named, too, for it was one of the smallest rooms in the house. A man who was occupying 'New Hampshire,' made complaint to the landlord that the man in 'Maine' was drunk and boisterous and was thus keeping him awake. This seemed strange, when we recall that Maine is a prohibition State.

"Two men up in 'Montana' were kept up the reputation of the Wild West by engaging a noisy poker game. A big fat capitalist had 'New York,' which was the best room in the house. The room named for Alabama is too ordinary for anything and a farmer was occupying it the night I was there. It was funny to stand in the office and hear a bell boy tell the clerk that towels were wanted in 'Iowa,' and that the fellow in 'North Dakota' was kicking like a steer because he had no fire.

"About two Manhattan cocktails up to 'Mississippi' was one of the orders the clerk gave. 'Be sure to call the man in 'Florida' at 5 o'clock in the morning,' said one of the employees. And thus it went. This hotel is a curiosity to the traveling public. It is conducted by an eccentric old fellow, but where he conceived the idea of naming rooms after States I do not know.

NOTICE—REMOVAL

Dr. W. E. Barnard, Surgeon Dentist, has vacated the Anderson property, and removed his offices and residence to the property recently occupied by the late S. M. Reynolds, next door to the post office. Long Distance 'Phone, No. 37.

CHESAPEAKE CITY ITEMS

Three new houses are being built near town. Wilmer Cooling has secured a position in Baltimore.

Dr. Harry Cleaver, of Wilmington, Sunday in town.

Miss Esther Banks has returned to Tome Institute, Port Deposit.

Groome Benson killed a four foot black snake in town last week.

F. P. Conrey, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her mother.

Mr. John Walter, of Elkton, spent Sunday with William Whitlock.

Miss Deputy, of Middletown, has been spending sometime in town.

Mr. Joyce, of Germantown, is visiting his brother, Mr. Harry Joyce.

A number of children in this vicinity are suffering with whooping cough.

F. B. Howard took a load of baled hay to Baltimore on his vessel last week.

Misses Sallie and Buelah Campbell, of Newark, are visiting relatives near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Camden, N. J., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rees.

Mrs. Edward Titter took a trip with her husband on the tug Curtin, last week.

Mr. Seth Hopper, of Baltimore, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Hopper.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Boulden and daughter, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. George Murray has moved into the house on 3d street, recently occupied by Mrs. Palmer Noland.

Mrs. Roberts and Miss Roberts, of Delaware City, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Bristow.

Miss Alva Taylor has returned to her home in Philadelphia, after having spent the summer at their cottage at Randall.

Albert Boulden will leave town the first of next month for Wilmington, where he will work for Barnard & Co., jewelers. We wish him success.

Mrs. Edward, Latier, of Wilmington, and Mrs. William Scheffer and son, of Philadelphia, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Truss.

As Vinson Pierce was passing the parsonage, a large collie dog owned by Rev. Mr. Gallagher sprang at him and bit him. He was not seriously hurt, but was badly frightened and hurt somewhat.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Margaret Pense, of this place, and Mr. Taylor McKenney, of Elkton. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride, on Tuesday, October 3d at 4 o'clock. A reception will be given immediately after the ceremony.

An enjoyable picnic was given Thursday at Randall. Dr. Graves took the crowd down in his yacht. Those enjoying it were: Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Karsner, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Reed, Misses Mary Steele, Elsie Karsner, Evelyn Kibler, Maude Hague, Hattie Morgan, Florence Edge, Helen Clayton, Minnie and Lucy Reed, Dora Steele, Ida Bouchelle, Mary Gooding, Messrs. Hugh Caldwell, J. G. Steele, Harold Steele, Frank Clayton, Harry Howard, Dr. D. Smithers, Edwin and Reed Graves.

CECILTON

Engene Dawson has accepted a position in Wilmington.

Rev. W. F. Dawson is spending a few days in Wilmington.

C. V. Hoover, of Chester base ball team, has returned home.

F. E. Hoover has returned from spending the past week in Havre de Grace.

Miss Mary Anderson, of Still Pond, spent over Sunday with her parents here.

Allie Pierce, wife and children spent Sunday last with his brother, George Pierce.

Miss Annie O'Neil has returned from visiting relatives in Lynch's and Baltimore.

Mrs. E. S. Short has returned from spending sometime with relatives in Delaware.

Miss Mary Brown, of Earleville, has been entertained this week by Miss Annie Alderson.

Mrs. Ella Ernest, of Philadelphia, has been spending a few days with Mrs. G. W. Pierce.

Miss Eddie Ferguson has returned from visiting her sister, Mrs. Byron Bouchelle, of Chesapeake City.

The Bishop of this Diocese will visit the Chapel and hold service on Tuesday, October 3d. All are invited.

WARWICK

Sunday School Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

George Moore spent Sunday in Chesapeake City.

Mrs. Wilson Merritt is very much improved at this writing.

Mr. J. S. Merritt, Sr., of Gt. Falls, was a visitor in town last week.

Messrs. Joseph and Frank Sullivan were in Wilmington last week.

Mrs. Alfred Jones has returned home after a brief visit in Baltimore.

Christian Endeavor prayer meeting tomorrow evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Amos R. Merritt has returned home after spending the Summer in Milton, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. John Little, of Delaware City, Del., were entertained on Sunday by Mr. John Holden.

Mrs. George Goldborough accompanied by Miss Sapp, of Baltimore, were over Sunday visitors in town.

Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A., meets every Tuesday evening in Merritt's Hall at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. John H. M. Garner, contractor and builder, started work on the Emory Hotel at Wilmington last Monday. The site is centrally located, and with a building 40x60, 20 feet to the square, will certainly add to the thriving town of Millington.

Simpers Hears Death Warrant
Sheriff Biddle took Jerome Bayard to the Maryland Penitentiary, Tuesday, to serve three years for larceny. The Sheriff while at the prison read his death warrant to John M. Simpser, to be hanged in Elkton, Md., on October 20th, for the murder of the late Albert Constable.

STATE EDUCATION

DOVER, DEL., Sept. 28th.—At a meeting of the State Board of Education today, Governor Lea presiding, all three county superintendents of public schools submitted reports on the condition of the public school system throughout Delaware.

Superintendent Carroll, of Kent County, submitted a report and made an address upon it before the board, in which he said:

"I have been much impressed with one great result accomplished by the public schools. It is the neat appearance of most of the pupils, indicating that the public schools are having a refining influence upon the people. They are making them more careful in dress and cleanliness of their children.

"There are 128 school boards in this county, 105 of which employ one teacher each and twenty-three employing from two to thirteen each. In the single districts the average attendance on any day of visit was 16 and a fraction. I did not average this in the consolidated districts, but the attendance improves as the number of departments there increases, and is very good when there are five or more departments; another argument for the consolidation of the rural school.

"Dover, Smyrna and Milford now have fine school buildings, showing a deep interest in the cause of education, while Wyoming and Clayton are making additions to their buildings which, when completed, will give them excellent school facilities. Of the seventy-seven one-room school buildings for white children, I would make the following classification:

"New, 5; small but good, 10; old and poor, 10; old but fairly good, 5; good, 10; ordinary, 25. There were more repairs during the year than any year during my term of office.

The number of rooms in the various school buildings, Superintendent Carroll classified as follows:

"Eleven with two rooms; four with three rooms; four with four rooms; one with eight rooms, one with nine rooms and two with thirteen rooms."

Turning his attention to the schools maintained by the state for negro children, Superintendent Carroll said:

"Only twelve of the thirty-one colored schools have respectable furniture. It does not pay to spend money for a teacher in a room without furniture. If no other way can be devised, I would suggest that the county school commission be authorized to close these schools for three months, one year, and spend the \$90 thus saved in school desks. The last time could be made up in better teaching the next year. These schools will not be furnished without some outside help.

"Here, as well as everywhere else, there is a scarcity of qualified teachers," said the superintendent, returning to the subject of white schools and referring to the condition of the teacher. "We are getting some Normal School graduates and we hope that will be a source of help for the future. The state is now aiding twelve in attendance at the Normal Schools outside the state and five or six of them will be graduated next year. I see some improvement in the teachers' work each year.

More than three-fourths of ten have taken one or two courses at the school of methods and have been greatly helped by coming under the tutelage of experienced instructors. There is a marked difference between these teachers and those who enter the profession without any normal instruction. With the proper training, the ability to discipline a school increases and better order is found in the schools than before.

"Everything in my power is done to improve the method of teaching in those who have had no special training for the work. I have held twelve local institutes during the year. We there take up the best methods and devices and urge their use in the school. The teachers seem anxious to improve and then try to make use of any suggested line of work.

"The joint school at Maryland operated by a coalition between the Maryland and Delaware authorities 'has been put on a satisfactory basis and the commissioners, of Caroline County, Md., deserve praise for their liberality in giving the people such good school facilities.

LAST NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSION
The last popular Pennsylvania Railroad ten-day excursion to Niagara Falls from Philadelphia and adjacent territory will be run on October 12th via the beautiful Delaware Valley Route. On this date a special train will leave Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, at 8:07 A. M., West Philadelphia at 8:10 A. M., North Philadelphia, 8:20 A. M., Bristol, 8:45 A. M., Trenton, 8:59 A. M., Lambertville, 9:26 A. M., Frenchtown, 9:45 A. M., Philadelphia, 10:14 A. M., Manunka Chunk, 10:44 A. M., and arrive Niagara Falls at 8:00 P. M.

Excursion tickets, good for return passage on any regular train, exclusive of limited express trains, within ten days, will be sold at \$10.00 from Philadelphia and all points on the Delaware Division; \$11.25 from Atlantic City; \$10.00 from Trenton; \$9.75 from Lambertville; \$8.00 from Philadelphia; \$10.00 from New Brunswick; and at proportionate rates from other points, including Bordentown, Mt. Holly, Cape May, Salem, Wilmington, West Chester, Norristown, and principal intermediate stations. A stop-over will be allowed at Buffalo within the limit of ticket returning.

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THAT LIST OF BASSETT'S

BY MIRIAM MICHELSON

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]
He kept me laughing all the way up to the Capitol. McCabe's hair is getting gray and his lean, strong face can be grim at times, but he's as boyishly interested in newspaper gossip as Forbes, the green reporter, is. And he does tell a story beautifully.

Positively, when I walked with him into the Supreme Court rooms, where the investigation was being held, and we met Wilson, the News' lawyer there, I was ashamed to remember how I quaked when the formidable document subpoenaing me had been handed to me. Even if my story had been a fake, with McCabe to back me, I think I could have gone on the stand and lied like a Senator!

McCabe was called to testify first. Where had he received the information that he published January 3?

From Miss Massey, at Sacramento. Had he investigated it before he published to grave an accusation?

The News never found it necessary to investigate Miss Massey's stories.

Did the gentleman mean to have this august body infer that merely on an irresponsible reporter's gossip, on the sending in of a fake (such his questioner had been informed was the technical term used in journalism to describe this sort of tale), a newspaper would blast the reputation of honored and honorable men?

The News employed no irresponsible reporters, McCabe answered quickly. And for every word Miss Massey had written the News was as responsible as though it were signed by its proprietor.

Very well, the time would come, Mr. Kinney remarked unsmilingly, when that responsibility would be tested in the courts of this great State. In the meantime the News' Managing Editor was excused and Miss Massey was called.

Miss Massey came. She had been primed by Jack Wilson, the cleverest lawyer in all the West, and her heart was beating with gratification at McCabe's testimonial; but she trembled like a little idiot just the same when she was sworn, and she had a curious double sense of ridiculing herself from the reporters' desk at the very same moment that she snuck gasping into the chair McCabe vacated and to which he led her with ostentatious formality.

It was the Honorable Horace Kinney's lawyer who came to her rescue. He bullied. He started in with a truculent roar, and that gave Miss Massey time enough to get a grip on herself.

And really, after one had sat for a moment in the witness chair, the awful Investigating Committee faded away, and you saw through the official mask they had put on—just \$1500-Kinney, as he was called now; Top-notch Grimmin; staunch, kindly old Judge Glass; Lamson, the lion of San Isidro; Mooney, the boy orator from Siskiyou—and all the other familiar faces that appeared daily at ordinary legislative sessions to furnish copy for newspaper people.

"I call upon you, Miss Massey," Kinney shouted melodramatically, "to produce the document referred to in the News of January 3!"

"I can't." "You can't! Do you mean to say there is no such document?" "I mean to say that Senator Thorpe told me there is such a document, but—"

"He showed it to you?" "No."

"You took it down as he read it to you?" "No."

"Where are your notes?" "I didn't take any." Of course I did not. It would scare away confession from Volubility itself to see itself being taken down in black and white!

"Miss Massey, you don't intend this distinguished body to understand that you wrote your interview with Senator Thorpe, so important an interview, from memory?"

"Yes-I do."

"Ah! Then, being fallible, you are liable to be mistaken?"

"In exact quotation—occasionally; but not in the matter reported."

It was then that State Senator Loder sprang to his feet.

"I ask," he shouted, "that this committee ask for its discharge! I demand that the absurdity of considering so flagrant a case of journalistic irresponsibility be recognized! Is so frail and uncertain a thing as a girl's memory to be made the basis of attacks upon the probity of legislators whose honor has never been impugned? Is it possible that this body will further dignify with its attention so trivial a charge, emanating from a notoriety-seeking girl who—"

Both Wilson and McCabe were on their feet then. But I wouldn't let them speak. It was my turn now.

"Mr. Loder," I cried, "if I were to think very hard, perhaps I could remember names that came alphabetically lower down on that list; perhaps, if you give me time, that same frail and uncertain memory of mine—"

But neither Senator Loder nor half a dozen others whose names began with letters in the last half of the alphabet would give me time. They were mighty anxious now to excuse Miss Massey. And Miss Massey herself was not anxious to remain.

"We came off with colors flying, Miss Rhoda," McCabe said as we walked down the Capitol steps, at the foot of which Wilson's automobile was standing. "Wilson's going to take me to the train. Will you come?"

"I want to do."

"Thompson?" he asked facetiously, "or the ball gown?"

I shook my head. It wasn't anything so easy as Ted or the gown. As I stood there, preoccupied, watching the two men in the bubble as it jumped, snorted, buzzed and reared preparatively and then dived off down through the grounds, and I really saw a bald-headed little man with a shorthand-reporter's notebook on his knee, and a page of hieroglyphic hooks and curves—my testimony, which I had seen Benson transcribe while Senator Loder was delivering his oration, and then, mechanically tearing the page once across, let it fall in the waste-paper basket.

From the reporters' desk we had often watched Benson during sessions, when his assistant came to relieve him, transcribe a narrow page of potboilers and you're hanging by your finger-tips. When I did let go it was because I had to, and the fall gave my ankle a nasty twist.

But I limped gleefully over to Benson's desk. There was that blessed basket full to the brim of half-sheets, just as my

fondest fancy had painted it! I took a towel and, spreading it on the floor, turned the basket upside down, and dumped every bit of paper into it. Then I knotted the ends tight and slung it over my arm. Oh, it was easy—easy! All I had to do then was to open the door and, instead of letting it latch itself behind me, leave it slightly ajar. I was out. I had got my back to the door fortunately, most fortunately, and I was giggling to myself with delight when—when, as though shot from out of the blue, Benson appeared before me.

I bent over quickly (almost double, to hide my bundle) and in a voice of anguished uncertainty, the voice of the female in distress because something's given away, I stammered:

"I beg your pardon, have you got a pin?"

Oh—and to Benson, bashful Benson, who can't talk to a woman without blushing to what was once the roots of his hair.

In spite of my terror and agitation I wished I could see his face. I couldn't. But I could hear his embarrassed voice.

"N—no, ma'am," he bleated. "But—shall I go downstairs and get you one?"

"Please," I faltered.

And with a fleetness that betrayed his emotion he ran downstairs.

By the time he got back I was safe in my own room.

How relieved he must have been to find me! I waited there in the dark, listening. I was wondering, should he notice the empty basket under the desk, whether he'd conclude that some household maid had been cleaning up.

But I needn't have worried. He was alone, evidently, in his methodical, old-maidish way, to put his hand on the thing he wanted in a minute, and, slamming the door behind him, he was out again and down the stairs.

So was I. I got to the door of my old room and had my shorthand man at work within five minutes. While he transcribed, I was matching ill-sorted halves. We must have worked together for hours and we didn't hit upon that list of purchasable legislators till nearly the last word.

I didn't realize how long we'd been at it—I was so absorbed in it all till a bell-boy came up with a great bunch of roses.

From Ted. I looked at my watch. Nine, and we were to have started for the Capitol at half-past.

"Tell Mr. Thompson," I said to the boy, "that Miss Massey has hurt her ankle and can't be ready till ten."

Then we went at it again. I gave that shorthand man an order on the office for a hundred dollars for his evening's work and as a reward for discretion. But I didn't tempt him too far. I didn't let his transcription go out of my hand till I had filed it with the telegraph operator.

And every single one of those half-sheets of Benson's I tied carefully back in the towel. I dismissed the stenographer.

Then upstairs once more, up on the trunk (I hadn't counted on Benson springing the lock of the door again), over on the most undignified of details—say that the writer's is a vandyke life!—another wrench of that unfortunate ankle, the papers dumped back into the basket, and Rhoda Massey back in her room with two maids to help her get into her ball gown.

Said Ted as we paraded through the crowded hall:

"I wish some miracle might make life all one long inaugural ball, in which one's partner is a witch in pink with an ankle damaged just enough to prevent her dancing away with other men. Are you aware how triumphantly sweet you look, Miss Massey?"

"I don't believe you," he said, getting in front of me as I nodded over at them both. Mary Chipchase was the heroine of one of my biggest stories. "Besides, you've got to look at me—don't waste smiles on politicians; they're notoriously ungrateful. Rhoda, when are you going to give up newspaper work?"

"Never. Fancy me with nothing doing day after day and year after year; with nothing to find out and nothing to crow over! I just couldn't! The old habit would come strong upon me at the first temptation and, like a well-trained fire horse, I'd run away from home at the signal of a story. No—I'm afraid to try."

"I say, Rhoda," he was bending down now and there—something shining in Ted Thompson's eyes that I'd never seen there before. "Try, do—do try. Let's try together. I'll accept McCabe's offer and reform and be a solid, substantial, stiff old desk man. I'll get in and write the things I've only talked about hitherto. I'll barely undermine McCabe, if you say so, and take his job away from him. I'll set the lay afire! I'll—oh, Rhoda, I'll worship you all my life, sweetheart, if you'll only let me myself care for me!"

"It's—it's the gown," I stammered, "Ted, and the music and the flowers. You—you wouldn't have said—all this if you had seen me an hour ago!"

He looked at me quickly.

"What are you up to? Oh, what do I care! What do I care! You haven't said no. Golly, hallo, Rhoda Massey, you haven't said it! And you would have said it quick enough if—"

"Miss Massey!"—it was Newberry's voice—"what's this latest sensation that's been wired up from the city? Are you going to keep us stirred up with a daily bombshell?" He was smiling delightedly.

"I thought you two were deadly rivals. What are you plotting together?" he added, looking at Ted, while Mary Chipchase and I renewed acquaintance.

"Oh, that's all done." There was a break in Ted's voice that melted the very heart within me. (Oh, it's wonderful that a man can care so much for a girl, as wonderfully glorious as it is to be the girl!)

"We're all in the same family now," he went on merrily. "I've gone then, tearing at me with deliberation, let it fall into the basket at his feet.

And this very afternoon, within an hour, Benson would have just such another page of hooks and curves which, transcribed, instead of revealing the remarks of one Rhoda Massey, would show the cost price of legislators as set down by Boss Bassett, an expert in buying and selling.

And when that slim little page of hieroglyphics should be transcribed where did it go?

Into the waste-paper basket, after being torn across in that methodical, deliberate manner from which systematic little Benson never departed.

But really, really, that narrow page torn in full would not yet have outlived all its usefulness. To any other shorthand man it would reveal the same absorbingly interesting exposure that had startled Newberry and Thorpe, and would startle the members of the Commission this very afternoon.

The sessions were over at four. By that time I had hired a stenographer.

"You're to have your typewriter in my room and be ready to transcribe another man's notes," I told him, "from six in the evening till two in the morning. If

during that time I want you, I'll come down for you. (I've taken another room for to-night.) If I don't want you, you can go home at two. But you're not to mention my name or let any one know that I've hired you, and you can set your own terms for the evening's work."

I left him then and went upstairs to my new room. It wasn't nearly so large or so airy as the one I'd had ever since the legislature assembled, and it was two stories higher, just under the roof, in fact. But it had some advantages; one was a big old-fashioned transom, exactly like the one belonging to Benson's room, next door.

On the score of my new room being so small and my needing a lot of room to dress for the ball that night, I had Sam, the porter, set my fat-topped big trunk outside in the corridor. Sam misandered the number of my room and set the trunk in the little blind square off which Benson's door opened. But I tipped him just the same; in fact, twice as much.

I heard little Benson stumble against the trunk when he got home at 4.30 precisely; the little square landing was already dark and he must have come upon it unexpectedly. But he didn't swear; nothing perturbed Benson long.

In just five minutes I saw the light he'd lit, through my open transom—his was open, too—and I heard his typewriter rattling off a volley, his clacking, crackling commentaries punctuated by the singing little bell and the almost regularly rhythmic tearing across of each sheet of paper as he finished with it.

I waited years—years of moving the typewriter carriage back at the end of a line; years of insertions of new sheets. And, in spite of my excitement and the tension of my nerves, I laughed at myself as I sat there in a snug, short golf skirt and trim knit jacket, looking like an athlete, even acrobatic Cinderella, while my new, my first, my only ball gown lay spread in dainty fluffiness on the bed, waiting its chance, too.

I wondered whether either of us would be gratified. It must be neither or both. I thought, as I sat there in the dark listening to the perpetual clatter in Benson's room. I couldn't see myself going to the ball, knowing I had failed, though everybody else there should be talking of my success. And I didn't dare to fancy myself on the way there with this thing accomplished, for that was enough to intoxicate me. And I'd need all the small wit I had before I got through.

It was half-past six when Benson's bell sounded the last time and the typewriter gave a discordant screech as the last sheet was torn from it. It took Benson ten minutes more to get ready—he'd been working two hours without a second's breathing-space. I waited till I heard the patent lock on his door click behind him and he ran hurriedly down the stairs to his dinner.

Then, guiltily, I opened my door. Yes, guiltily. I felt as though the dim corridors were alive with suspicious eyes. They weren't. Everybody was downstairs at dinner. All I could hear was the opening of a door now and then and the porters scurrying busily about in the hall below.

It didn't take me a minute to get to Benson's door and on top of my trunk. And with a good grasp on the lower edge of the open transom, I was just about to slip through when—

I heard a heavy step in the hall behind me!

Oh, I'll never forget that minute! It serves you right, Rhoda Massey (I cried bitterly to myself). You will be famous now. Your very own office will hoot at you. You greedy little pig, why couldn't

you be satisfied? But I didn't have much time to sulk. Rhoda Massey, for the steps came nearer and nearer till I could see black Sam, the porter, a heavy suit-case in either hand. He saw me, too, in the same minute, and the necessity for a quick fix almost made me dizzy.

"Can't—can't you take time to fix this transom for me, Sam?" I gasped, sliding to the floor. (I was sure it wouldn't occur to him that not this one, but the next room was mine.) "It w—won't stay open and the room's awfully close."

"Suttlily, miss!" He sprang upon the trunk and wedged the thing open with a wad of paper.

"My purse's inside," I explained as he waited expectantly. "To-morrow, eh?" "Oh, that's all right, miss! You newspaper ladies ain't so stingy with tips as plain, common ones," he chuckled.

Just as though a newspaper woman could afford to be stingy with tips! I waited as he went shuffling away, and the banging of my heart seemed to die away with the lessening sound of his footsteps. Then quickly I climbed on the trunk again, and in a second I was through the transom and hanging inside Benson's room by my finger-tips.

For a moment I swung there. The room, being on the garret floor, wasn't high, but the couple of feet that separated me from the floor (a yellow journalist's education ought really to include athletics) terrified me. It must be nice to be a man; you can count on so many more inches, and inches count when over to the News. Behold Ted Thompson, News Editor!

"I congratulate you. Then perhaps you can compel this young woman to tell us how she got the complete report of this afternoon's secret session, including a verbatim copy of the Bassett list that the whole State's mad to see."

"Ted!" Ted looked at me. "Scrapped me, haven't you, Rhoda Massey, taking base advantage of my—my preoccupation?" he went on quizzically as I looked up apprehensively. "Tell us, how in the world did you do it?"

But I wouldn't. Do you suppose I'd tell this new Ted Thompson a thing like that? I might have yesterday. But now—

BRANCH ROUTES.
DELAWARE, MARYLAND & VIRGINIA R. R. Leave Harrington for Berlin, 10.38 a. m. and 5.00 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Berlin 6.58 a. m. and 12.20 p. m. week-days.

Daily, except Sunday.
Leave Porters for Delaware City 8.59 a. m. and 3.41 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Delaware City 7.59 a. m. and 10.22 a. m. and 3.40 p. m. week-days.

Leave Masses for Chertown and way stations 8.59 a. m. and 5.00 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Chertown 7.08 a. m. and 3.42 p. m. week-days.

QUEEN ANNE & KENT R. R.—Leave Townsend for Centerville and way stations 9.59 a. m. and 4.50 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Centerville 7.41 a. m. and 2.30 p. m. week-days.

DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R. R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 9.42 a. m. and 4.45 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Oxford 6.45 a. m. and 1.45 p. m. week-days.

CAMBRIDGE & SEABOARD R. R.—Leave Seaboard for Cambridge and intermediate stations 11 a. m. and 6.24 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Cambridge 8.59 a. m. and 3.22 p. m. week-days.

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